

Shipping

BARK NUUANU NOW SOLD AND MAY REMAIN IN PACIFIC TRADE

The American bark Nuuanu, which arrived at the port some weeks ago, completing a passage of 348 days from New York, has been sold to Eastern shipping brokers, at a figure approximating \$13,000. Advice by cable received here today confirm the report which was given publicly in the columns of the Star-Bulletin ten days ago to the effect that negotiations towards the sale of the bark were in progress.

The Nuuanu is still rated as a staunch vessel. She sailed from New York on her last trip with a big complement of merchandise and heavy and shelf hardware. The bark met with misfortune in that unfavorable weather near the Horn caused the vessel to leak, which a succession of fierce gales and tempestuous seas resulted in a loss of deck houses and also ship's gear.

The Nuuanu put into Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, and there remained several months undergoing repairs. Again bad weather caused the loss of a mast and the vessel was obliged to pay a return visit to the Falklands.

The Nuuanu arrived here on July 25th in fine trim, looking spic and span. The cargo is now discharged. Captain Josselyn professes to have received no orders concerning his future movements.

It is stated, however, that the parties who have become the new owners of the now famous bark will operate her in the Pacific trade. The Nuuanu is said to be fitted to carry cargo between San Francisco and the islands save lumber, which if ordered would presumably entail some alterations in the vessel.

Ballast has been placed on board the vessel, which lies at Richard street wharf pending orders for her dispatch.

Hilo As Port of Call for T. K. K.

President Asano, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line is reported to have written a letter, received by the Hilo Board of Trade in which the Japanese steamship man declares that there is a strong possibility that one or more T. K. K. steamers may decide to call at the Hawaii port should business conditions warrant. The letter from President Asano states: "We duly received your esteemed favor of the 29th May last, contents of which have been carefully noted.

"In reply thereto we beg to advise that at present we are not in a position to change existing arrangements as any alterations require the approval of our government, with whom we hold a contract."

"However, we intend to make an exhaustive investigation of the situation, and if we find a change fully warranted, we may make the matter up with the authorities."

"As you are probably aware, we are playing two lines via Honolulu, viz., San Francisco line and South American line. We cannot make any change of former, but as the latter line is practically doing no business at Honolulu, should our investigation prove a change worth while, we may seriously consider the matter as regards that branch of the service, subject to the government approval."

Many Bookings For The Mongolia.

At the agency of H. Hackfeld & Company a number of prospective passengers have booked for San Francisco by the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia scheduled to depart for the coast on the morning of August 28th.

The Mongolia is expected to arrive from the Far East on next Tuesday with 1700 tons oriental cargo for discharge at this port. There is a quantity of sulphur from Japanese ports in the freight for Honolulu. According to cables received here there is room in the Mongolia for one hundred and twenty-five additional cabin passengers.

Good Weather For Kauai.

Bringing reports of good weather along the coast of Kauai, the officers of the Interisland steamer W. G. Hall state that the vessel met with smooth seas and fair winds on the homeward trip. The Hall arrived early this morning with 2000 sacks sugar, 48 packages sundries, 20 cases fruit, crates of pigs and chickens. The Hall is to be dispatched for the Garden Island at five o'clock tomorrow evening taking a few passengers, a general cargo of plantation supplies and a late mail.

Two Vessels Work Cargo at Kahului.

Two deep sea vessels were reported as working cargo at Kahului during the stay of the Interisland steamer Claudine at the Maui port. The Matson freighter Hyades taking on eight hundred tons molasses and a quantity of sugar, had completed the discharge of a shipment of lumber and general R. Hind from the Sound with lumber and reached the port and work or removal of her cargo had commenced.

"The Claudine met with fair winds and smooth seas on the return voyage to Honolulu. The steamer was early arrival this morning with a fair list of cabin and deck passengers. The freight list included 24 cords

slabs, 10 cords wood, 25 bales hides, 44 cases of empty bottles, 2389 feet hard wood lumber and 199 packages sundries. At the time the Claudine sailed from Hilo the American-Hawaiian freighter Virginian, since sailed, was taking on sugar destined for Salina Cruz.

American-Hawaiian Movements.

The American-Hawaiian freighter Mexican is reported to have sailed from Seattle today with destination as Honolulu and island ports. This vessel is bringing westbound cargoes numbered 289 and 290 which were transhipped at Salina Cruz to the Mexican. The freighter is expected to arrive here on or about August 30th. After discharge the Mexican will be given the regulation amount of sugar for the isthmus.

The freighter Missourian now at Honolulu is being rapidly discharged of about three thousand tons miscellaneous cargo. This vessel is to sail for Kahului, Port Allen and Hilo on Thursday evening, to gather sugar at the several ports.

Lewers Made Slow Passage.

It was a slow passage just completed by Captain A. Anderson in the well-known schooner Robert Lewers, that arrived off the harbor this morning and within a few hours was brought inside the harbor and now lies at Bishop wharf, there to discharge.

The Robert Lewers was thirty days in making the passage from Port Townsend to Honolulu. The best that the vessel could do in a single day was one hundred and twenty-five miles. The Lewers brings lumber to the amount of 956,000 feet to the order of Lewers & Cooke.

German Ship Ready For Sea.

The German ship H. Hackfeld that arrived here on July 23rd, with a general cargo from European ports including fertilizer, cement, coke and sundries has been discharged and the vessel will undergo a thorough fumigation at the hands of the local quarantine officials before proceeding to sail for the west coast of the United States. The H. Hackfeld has been fixed to carry a load of grain from Portland Ore., to Europe. The vessel will sail from this port for the Columbia river on or about Friday.

Inter-island Departures This Day.

Two inter-island steamers were fixed for departure today, the flagship Mauna Kea sailing for Hilo by way of Maui and Hawaii ports at 10 o'clock, followed at 5 o'clock in the evening by the Noeau, destined for windward Kauai ports.

A delegation of recently-arrived tourists took passage in the Mauna Kea for the volcano. The vessel also carried a fair-sized cargo.

The Noeau carried general cargo and mails for the Garden Island.

Band Played as Honolulu Sailed.

The Royal Hawaiian band played a series of pleasing melodies as the Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu with 43 cabin passengers sailed away from her wharf, destined for San Francisco. The Honolulu departed with a lively bunch of passengers. The liner was given a quantity of freight, including about 3500 tons sugar, 2000 bunches bananas, 21,000 cases of pineapples, 800 sacks coffee, 300 cases honey and also shipments of sundries.

No Wireless From The China.

In the absence of a wireless message from the Pacific Mail liner China, now enroute from San Francisco to Honolulu and the coast of Asia, the local agents H. Hackfeld & Company are of the opinion that the vessel will arrive here on Friday morning. The China is bringing a number of passengers, including thirty members of the Ferris Hartman theatrical company. The liner has five hundred tons cargo to discharge at this port before proceeding to Japan and China.

Last Call From The Siberia.

All is well with the Pacific Mail liner Siberia, which is steaming from Honolulu in the direction of Japan ports and Hongkong, according to a late wireless received last evening, which stated that the steamer was 1127 miles west of Honolulu. The Siberia left here with an additional number of Asiatic steamer passengers and four hundred tons of sugar-milling machinery destined for the plantations on Formosa.

Manua Kea Away For Hilo.

Taking a number of late arrivals among the tourists who propose visiting the crater of Kilauea, the Interisland steamer Mauna Kea sailed for Maui and Hawaii ports at ten o'clock this morning. The vessel was well supplied with freight for the several ports of call. A large crowd gathered at the Interisland wharf to witness the departure of the flagship.

The steamer Noeau for windward Kauai ports is to be dispatched at five o'clock tonight with general cargo and mails only.

TIDES—SUN AND MOON

Date	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide	Low Tide
Aug 19	10:13	1:5	7:50	2:14	6:35	5:41	6:24	11:36
20	11:50	1:6	10:15	2:53	7:54	5:41	6:23	—
21	12:16	1:7	—	—	4:00	8:23	5:41	6:22
22	1:04	1:8	0:05	5:05	8:46	5:42	6:21	1:13
23	1:46	1:8	1:00	6:06	9:10	5:42	6:20	2:05
24	2:24	1:9	1:44	7:03	9:33	5:42	6:19	2:05
25	2:50	1:9	2:22	7:56	9:57	5:42	6:19	3:55

First quarter of the moon Aug. 19.

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Cable to Merchants' Exchange.)

Wednesday, Aug. 21.
SAN FRANCISCO — Sailed, Aug. 20, bark R. P. Rithet, for Honolulu.
Sailed, Aug. 21, 1 p. m., S. S. Lurline, for Honolulu.

Nile Departed for The Coast.

After taking on several hundred tons of coal, the Pacific Mail liner Nile was dispatched for San Francisco at six o'clock last evening from Alakea wharf. One lay-over passenger joined the vessel at this port. The Nile was given a later mail for the mainland.

ARRIVED

Wednesday, August 21.
Hawaii and Maui ports—Claudine, strmr., a. m.
Kauai ports—W. G. Hall, strmr., a. m.

DEPARTED

Tuesday, August 20.
Maui, Molokai and Lanai ports—Mikahala, strmr., 5 p. m.
San Francisco—Nile, Br. strmr., 6 p. m.
Kauai ports—Kinau, strmr., 5 p. m.
Wednesday, August 21.
Hilo via way ports—Mauna Kea, strmr., 10 a. m.
San Francisco—Honolulu, M. N. S. S., 10 a. m.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED

Per str. Claudine, from Maui and Hawaii ports: Herbert Turner, Jno. F. Haglund, J. Silva, Ed. Numer, J. Nakueha, M. Onested, W. Taylor, Miss H. Wettrick, W. K. Ahu, Geo. Moon, F. A. DuBols, A. D. McCaulay, R. P. Quarles, W. W. Thayer, Miss H. Johnson, Mrs. G. Miranda, M. Thompson, Miss W. E. Flemming, Miss S. Atherton, Miss Turner, Miss R. Brewer, W. W. Bellinger, Miss Robert, Mrs. A. E. Brune, Mrs. Kaai, H. Warren, F. Silva, Wan Hong, R. Machida, Mrs. Waikola, Mrs. J. Smythe, Mrs. K. Yasuda, W. J. Coelho, S. Hocking, M. M. Medeiros, Mrs. Bonnell, Mrs. Taggart, H. Ozaki, H. Sumura, G. W. Carr, Chas. Gay, Chas. Barron, M. A. Nicholl, Jos. Stickney, A. H. Ford, W. Knight, Tong Sing; 50 deck.

Per str. W. G. Hall, from Kauai ports: Mr. and Mrs. Mahlum, F. O. Boyer, Mrs. E. Kaai, Mrs. Beckley, C. A. Nelson, Chang Kee, A. Weill, R. W. T. Purvis, Mrs. Purvis, Maria Ellis, Elyoto, Margaret James Iwamoto, A. Akana, I. Liurhi; 24 deck.

PASSENGERS BOOKED

Per S. S. Honolulu, August 21—Miss Juliette Atwater, L. Aaron, Miss M. Brannan, C. H. Bailey, S. Blair, A. C. Banham, J. B. Castle, Mrs. I. M. Cox, J. B. Cox, Miss M. A. Eggleston, J. P. Foster, Mrs. E. Gibbs, Mrs. F. M. Hall and 2 children, W. B. King, Miss R. Kong, Miss A. Lamprey, Mrs. Long, Miss Miller, Miss K. Minehan, R. Martin, Dr. Geo. W. McCoy, Mrs. Geo. W. McCoy and child, Master McCoy, Miss Pearl Roberts, Miss C. Reiman, Miss Sabey, Miss A. C. Sloane, Miss M. Tullock, Miss L. Tullock, Wm. Wike, Mrs. Wm. Wise, Miss H. E. Walworth, S. E. Wheeler, Miss N. Wong.

ODDS AND ENDS AT THE PORT

The Pacific Mail liner China to arrive from San Francisco on Friday morning is bringing down the next mainland mail.

The Interisland has placed the steamer Maui on the berth for dispatch at Ooaka, Kukuiaua and ports at an early date.

The Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu sailing for San Francisco at ten o'clock this morning carried a large amount of mail.

Following the taking aboard of seven hundred tons coal, the Pacific Mail steamer Nile was dispatched at six o'clock last night for San Francisco.

A large list of cabin passengers has been booked at the office of C. Brewer & Company, the local representatives for the Oceanic Steamship Company liner Sierra. The Sierra sails for San Francisco at noon Saturday.

We don't blame a woman for wanting to marry a certain man; it is far better than marrying an uncertain one.

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CAMPAIGN OF 1912 IS ONE OF MOST INTERESTING IN HISTORY OF ELECTIONS IN UNITED STATES

Three Candidates Offer Every Shade of Difference to Voters

BEST BET OF ALL IS SENATE WILL BE BOURBON

Democrats Picked to Overcome Present Republican Majority

BY C. S. ALBERT.

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—The people of the United States are enjoying one of the most interesting political campaigns ever seen in this country. The three presidential candidates belong to altogether different schools. President Taft is calm, and of judicial mind. Colonel Roosevelt is aggressive, domineering and daring. Governor Wilson is forceful, scholarly, and blessed with a fine sense of humor. All three speak well; Taft is convincing, Roosevelt, highly entertaining and Wilson eloquent and attractive.

Taft comes from the middle west; Roosevelt, from New York; and Wilson, although he lives in New Jersey, from Virginia. Taft, in religion, is a Unitarian; Roosevelt, Dutch Reformed, and Wilson, Scotch-Irish Presbyterian.

The battle is on in earnest now, and will continue until the day of election. Roosevelt is going to speak in 40 States. Taft and Wilson have declared their intention to make but few speeches. But it is predicted in Washington, that both Taft and Wilson will have to take the stump to even up with the Bull Moose. A very vigorous and bitter campaign is expected.

BUSINESSMEN

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sire to bring their respective records to the attention of the politicians or the merchants of the city, the data is available at the office of the auditor, who will prepare his annual report of the board's proceedings.

"Why appoint this high-salaried official as provided in this ordinance?" inquired Low of Murray.

"I have asked the city and county attorney's department to give me an official opinion on the legality of the ordinance calling for the appointment of a 'record' clerk." Low then produced the following correspondence, addressed to Deputy Attorney Milverton:

"Dear Sir:—I would like to know if there is any legal necessity under the existing law, as pointed out at the meeting of the board, for the creation of the ordinance for the appointment of a secretary to the board, for the compilation of data, etc., to be presented to the Governor or the Legislature, especially when the power, as I understand it, is already vested in the auditor. An answer for tonight's meeting will greatly oblige."

Milverton Sidesteps. Deputy City and County Attorney Milverton, who has been assisting the advocates of a "municipal record" in the attempt to carry forward the project, responded to Low's inquiries in writing, though the Supervisor professed last evening as being far from enlightened after a careful perusal of the opinion. Milverton says:

"In reply to your communication of even date relative to the proposed ordinance providing for a secretary of the board, I would advise that the ordinance as drafted makes no mention of the compilation of any data either for the Governor or for the Legislature, the compilation being primarily for other purpose as shown by the language used. When, however, the data is compiled, it could be used for any other proper purpose, either by the board of supervisors or by any officer or department of the city or county government."

"This board is now saddled with a big expense account owing to the demands for improvements," continued Low in defense of his opposition of the plan to further drain the municipal coffers.

"I predict that it will be a physical impossibility for Henshall or any other man the board may designate, to compile records and data for the year. It can not be done in the remaining four months this board remains in office. The money can better go for more important needs of the city and county."

Low made the claim that the measure was being railroaded through the board, and he again insinuated that one of the main objects that certain members on the board had in view in the proposed publication of such a document intended for general circulation was for the purpose of furthering their candidacy in the coming political campaign.

According to Low, should the ordinance go through and the majority faction succeed in the publication of the record, it could be taken by them on the political stump and circulated at the series of political meetings. This sort of publicity for the benefit of individual candidates at the expense of the people was cited as establishing an unlawful precedent.

Murray in a defense of his attitude favoring the plan for favorable Supervisory publicity, contended that it was the object of the ordinance that the legislators should receive copies as well as the taxpayers. "Give Me a Square Deal," Shouts Murray.

"I want a square deal," shouted Murray, arising in his wrath and dis-

Roosevelt Bumps Negroes.

Colonel Roosevelt has done something that no other anti-Democratic candidate for the presidency has dared to do to the Southern negro—left him out in the cold. A great howl has gone up from the colored leaders in Dixie but the Colonel will not heed it. The purpose of Mr. Roosevelt is to carry the fight for electoral votes to the South, and he left the negro out on purpose. A number of white Southerners who heretofore have affiliated with the Democrats have joined the Bull Moose.

Mr. Roosevelt's efforts to break the solid South is to be one of the unique features of the campaign. It is an entirely new proposition.

Democratic Senate?

Here is the best bet so far as the elections of next November are concerned—that the senate of the 63rd Congress will be Democratic.

Whether Wilson or Taft or the Colonel gets away with the presidential election, whether the House be Democratic or Republican or Bull Moose or Democratic or mixed makes no odds to the careful bettor when such a sporting cinch as the complexion of the next Senate confronts him. Of the thirty-two senators who will retire by expiration of their terms at the end of this congress nineteen are Republicans and thirteen are Democrats. The nineteen Republicans are one, Senator Fall of New Mexico, has been reelected, Senator Sanders of Tennessee holds his office by appointment and the present Tennessee legislature, democratic which will meet in January is expected to make short work of electing his Democratic successor.

Of the thirteen Democrats nearly all have been already reelected. Those who have not have successors of sim-

lar party affiliation elected in their stead. Only two of the group are in danger of having Republicans succeed them. These are Senator Watson of West Virginia whose success or failure depends upon how West Virginia will size up the tariff plank of the Democratic platform—for West Virginia is a protection state regardless of every other consideration, and Senator Obadiah Gardner of Maine who is an accident and whose chances or reelection are about as bright as a burnt match in the dark of the moon.

Republicans Going Out. Of the Republicans whose terms expire in March 1913 the following are an accident and whose chances of reelection are about as bright as a burnt match in the dark of the moon.

The present Senate stands Republican 51, Democrats 43, Vacancies (Lorimer excluded and Hughes read) 2. Unless all signs fall and except in the event of a revivification of the Republican party within the next three months that only a miracle can produce the next senate will stay. Republicans 45 Democrats 51.

A majority of six is almost a real moral certainty. Therefore the betting, it is two to one on the Donkey to dominate both the Elephant and the Bull Moose in the next Senate no matter who wields the ravel, Sherman or Marshall or rotund Hiram Johnson.

ASK KUHIO

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In which all the elements of the party will be united.

A member of the Republican Territorial central committee this morning told the Star-Bulletin that he believes the committee can well afford to forget past differences and work with Kuhio for the success of the Republican party in Hawaii. The relations between the delegate and this committee have been anything but cordial, and the committee was rapped hard last night by several speakers, who scored it because it had not led the movement for a ratification meeting.

At any rate, the delegate has been advised by his political associates to cut out the gubernatorial controversy during his tour of Hawaii and Maui, and to campaign for the Republican ticket as a whole. He is expected to give his attitude much as he gave it last night, and his followers are hoping, some of them praying, that he will go no further than he did last night. They see in this basis for harmony on legislative and county tickets.

Kuhio will be the chief speaker at a mass meeting in Hilo tomorrow night and will return by way of Maui, stopping at Lahaina to do some campaigning. He will be gone about ten days.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Alleging desertion since last February, Nabe Takara has filed a petition in circuit court asking a divorce from Kichisuke Takara. She asserts they were married at Okinawa, Japan, in 1906, later moving to this Territory and residing at Ewa for more than two years.

Sustaining the decision of the third circuit court and overruling the exceptions of defendants, the Supreme Court today gave an opinion in favor of Nettie L. Scott, who some time ago brought suit on a promissory note for \$2,000 against the Kona Development Company, Hawaiian Development Company, West Hawaii Railroad Company, J. B. Castle and F. B. McStocker. The note was to be the final payment in a \$93,000 deal whereby the defendants purchased a large area of sugar lands from M. F. Scott and his wife, Nettie L. Scott. The entire transaction was completed with the exception of this note.

U. S. District Attorney R. W. Breckons says that the Federal grand jury has done the greater part of the work prepared for it, and intimates that its session will not continue much longer. The next session of Federal District Court is set for next Saturday morning, and it is possible that the grand jury may make some returns at that time. Four witnesses from out of town have been summoned to appear before the inquisitorial body this afternoon.

Clara Mokumia has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Joseph Mokumia, to serve without bond. Annie Leias was granted a divorce from David Leias by Judge Whitney this morning. She charged extreme cruelty.

Give a man advice and tell him to take it for what it is worth, and it will probably go unheeded.

It is a little curious that hay fever never affects those who work in the hayfields.

The small boy's idea of heaven is a place where the home team always wins.

The New York man who died and left \$250,000 to his landlady is the kind of a star boarder to have.

One whiff of onion will do more to kill love than a pound of cloves.

NEW TODAY

HAWAIIAN LODGE NO. 21, F. & A. M.



THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL meeting of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., at its lodgeroom, Masonic Temple, corner of Hotel and Alakea streets, THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, August 21, 1912, at 7:30 o'clock. WORK IN SECOND DEGREE. Members of Honolulu Lodge, Oceanic Lodge and all visiting brethren are fraternally invited to attend. By order of the W. M. K. R. G. WALLACE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Thirteenth Precinct, Fifth District.

There will be a meeting of the Thirteenth Precinct, Fifth District, Republican Club on Friday, August 23, 1912, from 7:30 to 8 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. Eugene Ali, on Kuakini street, Honolulu, for the purpose of making nominations for delegates to the Territorial Convention, and also to the County and District conventions, which nominees are to be elected at a primary election to be held at the same place on Saturday, September 7, 1912, from 1 o'clock p. m. to 7 p. m.

H. M. VON HOLT, President, Thirteenth Precinct, Fifth District, Republican Club. M. C. AMANA, Secretary. 5320-3t

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE First Circuit, Territory of Hawaii.—At Chambers, In Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Lui Gonswales. A Document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Lui Gonswales, deceased, having on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1912, been presented to said Probate Court, and a Petition for Probate thereof, praying for the issuance of Letters Testamentary to Kakalina Gonswales, having been filed by said Kakalina Gonswales; It is Ordered, that Tuesday, the 24th day of September, A. D. 1912, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the courtroom of said Court, in the old Y. M. C. A. building in the City and County of Honolulu, be and the same is hereby appointed the time and place for proving said Will and hearing said application. Dated, Honolulu, August 21, 1912. By the Court: J. A. DOMINIS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. (Seal.) 5320—Aug 21, 28; Sept 4, 11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST Circuit, Territory of Hawaii.—In Probate. At Chambers, No. 4005. In the Matter of the Estate of Harry J. Johnston, deceased. Order of Notice of Petition for Allowance of Accounts, Determining Trusts and Distributing the Estate. On reading and filing the Petition and Accounts of Minnie Johnston, administratrix of the Estate of Harry J. Johnston, wherein petitioner asks to be allowed \$1350.10, and charged with \$1435.35, and asks that the same be examined and approved, and that a final order be made of Distribution of the remaining property to the persons thereto entitled and discharging petitioner and sureties from all further responsibilities herein: It is Ordered, that Friday, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1912, at 9 o'clock a. m., before the Judge presiding at Chambers of said Court at his courtroom in the old Y. M. C. A. building in Honolulu, County of Honolulu, be and the same hereby is appointed the time and place for hearing said Petition and Accounts; and that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted, and may present evidence as to who are entitled to the said property. Witness the Honorable WM. L. WHITNEY, Judge of said Court, this 20th day of August, 1912. By the Court: (Seal) JOHN MARCALLINO, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Smith, Warren & Hemenway, attorneys for administratrix. 5320—Aug 21, 28; Sept 4, 11

ADOBE RAMPARTS OF ASSYRIA

Nearly akin to Egyptian housebuilding methods were those of ancient Assyria, where the stiff clays of the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates furnished the rude mud walls of the lowliest shelter, and the mass of the walls of the city and its palaces, temples and ramparts. While there is no lack of gigantic statues and symbolic monoliths, stone stairs and paved approaches, and the remains of the alabaster and syenite facings, which covered the planer masonry, the real strength of Babylon and Nineveh lay in the masses of brickwork which, in mighty Babylon it is recorded, formed the lofty towers and ramparts which for forty-two miles girded a district five times as large as modern London with a great wall whose summit, embattled, and forming a continuous chariot way, rose from 300 to 350 feet above the fertile plain.

One hundred gates with brazen hinges are said to have poured out its legions in war and its millions in peace; the great river, bridled and parapeted, flowed in, through, and out of the city under massive bridges, over ample tunnels, and through huge water gates which no fleet might force or engine of war lay low. Surely never before or since, in the history of the world, has the plummet, hammer and trowel of the bricklayer played so important a part in securing the safety and promoting the magnificence of a great city. — Charles Winslow Hall, in National Magazine.

There is a